



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.09.2017

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THE HONOURABLE **MR. JUSTICE K. KALYANASUNDARAM**

W.P. (MD) No.17918 of 2017

Kannan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Revenue Officer,
Madurai District,
Madurai.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Civil Supplies Crime Investigation Department,
Madurai.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to release the TATA Ace Vehicle bearing Registration No. TN-64-4430 seized by the second respondent on 02.09.2017, to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr. T. Leninkumar

For Respondents : Mr. C. Selvaraj
Special Government Pleader

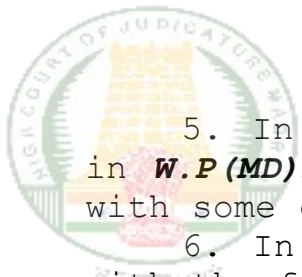
ORDER

This Writ petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to release the TATA Ace Vehicle bearing Registration No. TN-64-4430 seized by the second respondent on 02.09.2017, to the petitioner.

2. Mr. C. Selvaraj, learned Special Government Pleader takes notice for respondents. By consent, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. According to the petitioner, he is the owner of the vehicle, namely, TATA ACE bearing registration No. TN 64 4430 and on 02.09.2017, the second respondent seized the vehicle and the same is now kept under the custody of the first respondent. Therefore, on 07.09.2017, the petitioner made a detailed representation to the first respondent seeking to release the said vehicle, but so far, the first respondent is not releasing the vehicle and keeping it in his custody.

4. The learned Special Government Pleader, on instructions, would submit that the above said vehicle was involved for illegally transporting of PDS rice. Hence, the second respondent seized the same.



5. In similar circumstances, this Court has passed an order in **W.P (MD) No.12365 of 2016, dated 14.07.2016**, releasing the lorry with some conditions.

6. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is disposed of with the following conditions:-

(a) The petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) in cash before the first respondent;

(b) The petitioner is directed to produce all the documents pertaining to the ownership of the seized vehicle;

(c) The petitioner is to file an affidavit of undertaking that he will cause production of the vehicle in question before the competent/concerned respondent (as the case may be) as and when called for and further, he will not alienate the vehicle in question till the appropriate proceedings initiated are completed;

(d) On compliance of the above conditions, the second respondent is directed to release the seized vehicle bearing Regn.No.TN-64-4430 to the petitioner (if he is in custody and possession), within three days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order;

(e) The final respondent is directed to pass final orders in the adjudication proceedings within a period of 45 days;

(f) This order for the release of the vehicle can be pressed into service by the petitioner only if the vehicle is not in the custody of the criminal Court. If the vehicle is in the custody of concerned Criminal Court of appropriate jurisdiction, then, option is given to the petitioner to approach the concerned Judicial Magistrate to get release of the vehicle, by filing necessary application in the manner known to law and in accordance with law; and

(g) Inasmuch as the Vehicle bearing Registration No.TN-64-4430 is now custody of the first respondent, the aforesaid order is to be complied with within a period of one week, if no order of adjudication is passed as on today.

The present Writ petition is disposed of on the above terms. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar



To:

1.The District Revenue Officer,
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Madurai.

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2.The Inspector of Police,
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Madurai.

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+1cc to Special Government Pleader, SR.No.81070

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